

U.S. Patent application no.: 10/658,128

Reply to Office Action dated August 17, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2005 (hereinafter "the Office Action").

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required.

I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a reactive material and ordinance from the material, classified in class 149, subclass 37.

II. Claims 13-28, drawn to a method of making a reactive material and ordinance from the method, classified in class 149, subclass 109.2.

The examiner has alleged that the reactive material can be made by layering the polymer and that layering the polymer is a materially different method than the method claimed in the present application.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested for the reasons which follow. The restriction requirement is traversed on the basis that the Examiner has not shown that the reactive material of claim 1 can, in fact, be made by layering the polymer, nor has the Examiner explained what is meant by "layering" of a polymer. Also, the Examiner has not shown or alleged that layering a polymer is a materially different method from that claimed in claims 13-28.

In order to ensure that this response is complete, the applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-12, with traverse, for further prosecution in this application.

The Examiner has also requested that the applicant elect a species of Group I for further prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects the species including an aluminum foam, tetrafluoroethylene monomer and finely divided aluminum particles, with traverse. The election of species requirement is traversed on the basis that there is no undue burden on the examiner to examine all species of the claims since, according to the examiner, the subject matter of claims 1-12 is classified in only class 149, subclass 37.

Claims 1-12 read on the elected species.

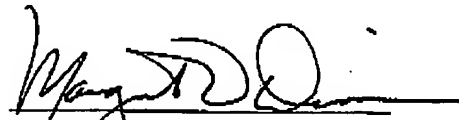
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If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 540-653-8061.

Respectfully submitted,

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